

Personal Fiction

Just as realists have their {In:personal reality}, {In:believers} have their personal fiction. Members of fiction based religions don't all believe the same things. Even in the most authoritarian of cults, the individuals often have very different perceptions of what it is they really believe in. Believers often talk about right and wrong as if they had {In:moral certainty} about their convictions but in reality they are not experiencing a common belief the way they think they are. In fact what they really have in common is the false idea that they all believe the same thing. But when people express their interpretation of their beliefs individually and freely, if they are allowed to do that, they are not very close at all.

The belief in God is an example of Personal Fiction because since God isn't real, or is at least hiding, the concept of God is created by the imagination of the individual believer. Each believer believes in a different God of their own creation.

Personal fiction is the fact that the believers in fiction based religion all believe a personal version of the fiction that is very different from those in the same {In:cult mind}. This is especially true of those who communicate directly with God because God doesn't exist and what people imagine is the word of God is a very different message from person to person. (Side note: If God had a consistent message it would be evidence that he actually existed.) Since personal fiction is fiction based, it varies more than a realist's personal reality. Personal reality is at least tied to objective reality that creates a common reference that ties realists together. Believers are tied together by their mythology and the mythology is a moving target.